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NUMBER OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The total number of fanners in India ;

(b) The number of farmers having in possession four or even less than four acre land; and

(c) The number of agricultural labourers in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIKANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): As per Agricultural Census 1995-96, the total number of Operational Holdings in the country is 115.58 million.

(b): The number of farmers having in possession four or even less than four-acre land is not available. However, number of operational holdings who are operating less than

2.0 hectare (approx. 4.94 Acre) of land, as per Agricultural Census 1995-96, is 92.82 million.

(c): The number of agricultural labourers in the country is 106.78 million, as per the Population Census, 2001 .